# **Outline of Coverage for 2006**



The following information is a *summary* of benefits provided for Dental. For a more comprehensive explanation of your benefits, please refer to your Member Certificate or Group Contract.

Benefit Period	Calendar Year (January 1 through December 31)			
Covered Services for Your Dental Benefit				
Exam and Cleaning	One per benefit period, paid at 100%. No deductible.			
Full mouth x-ray	One per benefit period or series in 36 months.			
Supplementary Bitewing	One set per benefit period.			
Fillings/Oral Surgery Paid at 80% up to plan maximum of \$1,000 per benefit period.				

Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana will not pay more than the amount which would have been paid to one dentist providing the same service if:

- ♦ You transfer from the care of one dentist to another during the course of treatment; or
- More than one dentist provides care to you in the course of a single procedure.

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### **BCBSMT Participating Providers**

Introduction

A BCBSMT Participating Provider is a dental provider that has contracted with BCBSMT to provide services to our members.

Participating providers accept the BCBSMT allowable fee plus any copayment as payment in full for covered services. There's no billing to you over your copayment amount. BCBSMT sends payment directly to participating providers.

# **Nonparticipating Provider**

Nonparticipating providers have not contracted with BCBSMT. You will receive payment for claims received from a nonparticipating provider. These providers are under no obligation to send claims in for you. Most importantly, nonparticipating providers are subject to a differential. This means that BCBSMT reduces the allowable fee by a 10% differential before we calculate your benefits.

Nonparticipating providers can bill you the difference between the allowable fee and their total charge, potentially making your out-of-pocket expenses significantly higher.

#### **Finding Participating Providers**

To find the participation status of a provider, check our on-line provider directory at **www.bluecrossmontana.com**, or contact Customer Service at 1.800.447.7828. Be sure to have your Health Plan ID available when you call.

#### **Optional Treatment Methods**

When the dentist and/or the patient select a course of treatment different from that customarily provided by the dental profession for covered services, but consistent with sound professional standards of dental practice for the condition considered, Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana will pay the allowance for the most consistently provided procedure.

To learn more about the Dental benefit, please call Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Montana at 1.800.447.7828, Ext.8965 or your local BCBSMT agent.

